

process, including comments on the Draft and Final GMP/EIS, the selected action best accomplishes the legislated purpose of the park and battlefield. This includes facilitating the protection and interpretation of sites in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Montana that have exceptional value in commemorating a portion of the history of the United States and that balances the statutory mission of the National Park Service to provide long-term protection of the units' resources and significance while allowing for appropriate levels of visitor use and appropriate means of visitor enjoyment. The selected action also best accomplishes identified management goals and desired future conditions, with the fewest environmental impacts.

Environmentally Preferable Alternative

The alternative which causes the least damage to the cultural and biological environment, and that best protects, preserves, and enhances resources is Alternative 2.

Measures To Minimize Environmental Harm

All practicable measures to avoid or minimize environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the selected action have been identified and incorporated into the selected action. Implementation of the selected action would avoid any adverse impacts on wetlands and any endangered or threatened species or that would result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat of such species. Protection of viewsheds and cultural resources not currently owned by the National Park Service would be done through cooperative agreements, memorandums of understanding, scenic easements, or purchase on a willing-seller basis.

Public Involvement

Public comment has been requested, considered, and incorporated throughout this planning process in numerous ways. The National Park Service held 21 public scoping meetings in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Montana in January and February 1995. A newsletter was mailed to approximately 1,600 addresses announcing these meetings and that presented the purpose, significance, and interpretive themes for the park. A second newsletter presenting the desired future for the park was distributed. A 50-page Alternatives Newsbook was distributed in April 1996. Informal meetings on the alternatives were also held. In July 1996, postcards indicating which alternative was selected for the proposed action

park-wide and for each individual site were distributed. Workshops were held in 16 communities near park sites, on the draft EIS. Consultation was also completed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Forest Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Washington State Historic Preservation Offices, Native American tribes, state and local governments and organizations.

Dated: October 2, 1997.

Rory D. Westberg,

Superintendent, Columbia Cascades Support Office, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, Maine; Acadia National Park Advisory Commission; Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. App. 1, Sec. 10), that the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission will hold a meeting on Monday, October 27, 1997.

The Commission was established pursuant to Pub. L. 99-420, sec. 103. The purpose of the commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, on matters relating to the management and development of the park, including but not limited to the acquisition of lands and interests in lands (including conservation easements on islands) and termination of rights of use and occupancy.

The meeting will convene in the Chart Room, Youth Center Bldg., U.S. Navy Base, Winter Harbor, Maine, at 1 p.m. to consider the following agenda:

1. Review and approval of minutes from the meeting held July 28, 1997.
2. Tour of Schoodic Peninsula.
3. Land Conservation Committee report.
4. U.S. Naval Security Group Activity current mission and future projections.
5. Old business.
6. Superintendent's report.
7. Public comments.
8. Proposed agenda and date of next Commission meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the Superintendent at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609, tel: (207) 288-3338.

Dated: October 3, 1997.

Paul F. Haertel,

Superintendent, Acadia National Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Manzanar National Historic Site Advisory Commission; Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Manzanar National Historic Site Advisory Commission will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, 1997, at the Inyo County Administrative Center, Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 224 N. Edwards Street (U.S. Highway 395), Independence, California, to hear presentations on issues related to the planning, development, and management of Manzanar National Historic Site.

The Advisory Commission was established by Pub. L. 102-248, to meet and consult with the Secretary of the Interior or his designee, with respect to the development, management, and interpretation of the site, including the preparation of a general management plan for the Manzanar National Historic Site. Members of the Commission are as follows:

Ms. Sue Kunitomi Embrey, Chairperson
Mr. William Michael, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Keith Bright
Ms. Martha Davis
Mr. Ronald Izumita
Mr. Gann Matsuda
Mr. Vernon Miller
Mr. Mas Okui
Mr. Glenn Singley
Mr. Richard Stewart

The main agenda items at this meeting of the Commission will include the following:

- (1) Status report on the development of Manzanar National Historic Site by Superintendent Ross R. Hopkins.
- (2) General discussion of miscellaneous matters pertaining to future Commission activities and Manzanar National Historic Site development issues.
- (3) Public comment period.

This meeting is open to the public. It will be recorded for documentation and transcribed for dissemination. Minutes of the meeting will be available to the